



# ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR VISION: GOOD GROUND GROWS WELL

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# NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM  
WEEK 12

## UPDATE FROM MRS NETTLESHIP

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we were delighted to receive an email from a member of the public who saw our Year 3 children travelling on the train. They took the time to write to us to say how impressed they were by the children's excellent behaviour and manners. It is always wonderful to hear such positive feedback from the community.

Nursery and Reception performed the most wonderful Nativity this week. The children sang beautifully and acted with confidence, and it was fantastic to see so many families there to support them, it was standing room only! Thank you to everyone who came along to celebrate their hard work.

Yesterday's Christmas Fair was a huge success, raising £670 for the school. It was lovely to see children and families enjoying the games, stalls and carols. Thank you to all the parents and staff who helped set up, run stalls and tidy away - we truly couldn't do it without you. As we did last year, we will be using some of the money raised to subsidise the cost of the pantomime.



Spreading Christmas cheer with Santa!



Children performing carols at the school fair

God bless,  
Mrs Nettleship

### CHRISTMAS DATES

- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Troubadour Pantomime-The Beauty and the Beast
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** KS1 Nativity at 9.15am
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** School choir singing carols at Norwood Green Care Home
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** St Mary's Church KS2 Holy Communion at 1.15pm
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** End of term St Leonard's church service at 9.30am
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** School closes at 1.15pm

Attendance Champions	
	Field Maple 97.62%
	Sapling 95.80%
	Beech 95.17 %



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# How we have grown this week!



## Saplings

This week Saplings explored Jack and the Beanstalk, practising retelling, sequencing and narrative structure. We also learned Christmas songs and discussed what Christmas means to each of us today.

## Ash

This week, Ash Class performed their Christmas production for the school and families. The children shone with pride, and the show supported RE learning about Jesus's birth and Nativity."

## Beech

In Beech class this week we completed our science topic by investigating the strength of different materials. In art we combined our maths knowledge of 2D shapes with making a Paul Klee inspired portrait.

## Chestnut

Chestnut Class have been rehearsing their nativity, 'Little Angel Gets Her Wings'. In English, we wrote postcard sentences. In maths, we counted faces, edges, and vertices on 3-D shapes."

## Damson

We enjoyed exploring the Natural History Museum, learning fascinating facts about volcanoes and earthquakes. In English, we used our geography knowledge to produce clear non-chronological reports about earthquakes.

## Elm Class

In English, we nearly finished our biographies for next week's independent write, while in maths we practised column multiplication and long division. We also enjoyed creating festive Christmas art.

## Field Maple/Grey Willow

We crafted a persuasive festive-help letter, explored how sight works through the eye's parts, and examined Victorian census data to understand the era's varied jobs with curious, time-traveling insight.

## Thought for the week

**"Esther was brave and trusted God. She said, "I will go to the king even though it is dangerous. If I die, I die." Esther 4:16**

Esther shows us that being brave does not mean never feeling scared. It means choosing to do the right thing, even when it feels hard. Esther trusted God and stood up for others, knowing it might cost her. Her story reminds us that courage often begins with a small step and a kind heart.

In school, bravery can look different for each of us. It might mean trying something new in our learning, asking for help when we need it, welcoming someone who feels left out, or speaking up when something does not feel right. Like Esther, we can trust that when we act with kindness, honesty and courage, we are doing the right thing, even if it feels challenging.

### Something to pray

Loving God,

Thank you for the story of Esther and the courage she showed. Help us to be brave when things feel difficult, to make good choices, and to stand up for others. Give us confidence in ourselves and trust in you, knowing that you are always with us. Amen.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 6pm  
on the Green, Norwood Green



# NATIVITY ON THE GREEN

organised by  
Norwood Green Residents Association  
with St Mary's Church  
& St Leonard's Church

Messy  
Church

Christmas

JOY

Messy Church

Messy  
Church

Christmas

Fun for families with crafts, stories, music and festive cheer!  
From 5pm the children will be dressed ahead of the Nativity play

**Monday 22nd December at 4pm**

St Mary's Church, Norwood Green  
(opposite The Plough Pub on Tentelow Lane)

⊕ THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

JOY

You're invited to

**Midnight Mass**

A service of readings, carols & Holy Communion  
finishing just into Christmas morning

**Wednesday 24th December at 11pm**

St Mary's Church, Norwood Green  
(opposite The Plough Pub on Tentelow Lane)

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# CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

3:00pm

Sunday  
14th  
December



**JOIN THE CELEBRATION!**

St Leonard's Church, Heston Road, TW5 0RD



# Gentleman's Bake Off

Sunday 14th December

Bring your entries to The Plough Pub  
by 2pm  
for judging at 2:30pm

The Plough Pub Norwood Green, Tentelow Lane UB2 4LG | 020 8574 7473

**BAKES WILL BE SOLD AFTER THE JUDGING.  
PROCEEDS WILL GO TO HOPE FOR SOUTHALL STREETHOMELESS**



# Winter 2025 Junior Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Program

**BOOKINGS OPEN**  
Wednesday 12 November

**22 December 2025 to 2 January 2026**

(Excluding Weekends, Christmas Day & Boxing Day)

Young people can book to attend up to 4 sessions, free\* across the whole programme.

**GET ACTIVE** try yoga, circus skills, taekwondo, trips and visits.

**GET CREATIVE** with theatre, dance, filming, cookery, and festive crafts.

**GET SOCIAL** have fun, meet different people and enjoy food together.

To find out more and book your child's place, please scan the QR code or visit [www.ealinghaf.org.uk](http://www.ealinghaf.org.uk)

Eligible families will be emailed directly with the booking links shortly before bookings open.

Contact:

**HAF@ealing.gov.uk**

or call **020 8825 6331**

(lines open 9am -1pm)



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\*FOR ELIGIBLE YOUNG PEOPLE.

**Children & Families**



# Have You Booked Your School Meals ?

We are delighted to be serving school meals at St Mary's Church of England Primary School.

We believe that a school dinner is not just an essential part of a child's development but also a vital part of their wider schooling experience.

All school meals must be pre-booked using our online meal ordering portal.

**1**

Check your emails for a welcome email containing your login details.

**2**

To order, simply visit our website  
[www.theorchardcontractcatering.co.uk](http://www.theorchardcontractcatering.co.uk)  
Please visit the "Meal Ordering Portal" tab

**3**

Log in to your account using the login details provided via email.

**4**

Begin placing your orders!  
Please ensure meals are booked by 9:00am on the day the meal is being served.

If you are experiencing any issues with your account, Please contact us using the contact details.



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***DID YOU KNOW?***

At Present, all children from Reception - Year 6 receive a free school meal every lunch time!

# After School Club



- Tech Club – Monday  
(Photography  
Kahoot)
- Pizza Party - Tuesday
- Cooking Club - Wednesday
- Team Sports - Thursday
- Movie Night - Friday  
3:10 – 5:00 = £8.00  
3:10 – 6:00 = £12.00

Homework and Reading everyday

All bookings to be made on school money